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AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN THE PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES PROGRAM

1. The Central Intelligence Agency participates with other Government agencies in contributing to the Presidential Libraries Program. These libraries contain collections of official and personal correspondence, diaries, and other material of historical significance related not only to the President but also to those who served with him and who played important roles in his administration.

2. Mr. Lawrence Houston chaired the Agency's task force on the Kennedy Library, and Dr. Hugh Cunningham chaired the task force on the Johnson Library. In both instances the Agency's contribution was segregated into two collections. The less sensitive material, 25X1 [redacted] unclassified debriefing papers, and Presidential photographs, was forwarded to the respective Presidential libraries. While the sensitive and classified documents were also assembled for eventual inclusion in these libraries, the Agency has retained them in the Records Center 25X1 [redacted] under the control of the originating Directorate.

3. As a result of this experience we now have a much clearer idea of the kinds of contributions desired in the future. Components will be asked to establish a means for identifying and assembling those documents which contribute to the President's decision-making process in specific, critical foreign situations, omitting only sensitive operational information, and to maintain a listing of all documents sent to the White House and the National Security Council.

4. The Agency will eventually be asked to contribute to the Nixon Library, as well as to future Presidential libraries. A channel for funneling these selected documents into a Presidential library collection system will be established at the Deputy Director level. These documents will remain in the Agency, either in the Headquarters Building or in the Records Center [redacted] under appropriate controls. 25X1

5. Specific instructions and guidelines on the Presidential Libraries Program will be issued to the Deputy Directors.

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